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FOR REGIONAL LABOR ADVISOR SEARING

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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: ELAB, BG

SUBJECT: AAFLI IN BANGLADESH

REF: DACCA 1809

1. AMEMBASSY NEW DELHI WILL BE SENDING TO DEPARTMENT MESSAGE FROM AAFLI'S REGIONAL REPRESENTATIVE EMILIO GARZA TO MORRIS PALADINO CONCERNING OULAHAN DEPARTURE. AS YOU WILL QUICKLY NOTE, GARZA (APPARENTLY BASING COMMENTS ON CONVERSATION WITH OULAHAN IN NEW DELHI) IMPLIES THAT THIS EMBASSY PASSIVELY ACCEPTED OULAHAN'S DEPARTURE. AS REFTEL NOTED, OUR INQUIRIES INCLUDED TALK WITH PRESIDENT'S PRIVATE SECRETARY, EX-INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF POLICE A. RAHIM. IT IS OUR VIEW THAT RAHIM, TO WHOM WE REFERRED BY HOME SECRETARY AND WHO CLOSE ADVISOR, WILL HAVE QUICKLY INFORMED PRESIDENT OF THIS EMBASSY'S INTEREST IN OULAHAN'S CASE. FACT THAT RAHIM REFERRED US ON TO DIRECTOR-GENERAL OF NSI IS IMMATERIAL; OUR INQUIRY TO PRESIDENT'S PRIVATE SECRETARY PUT MATTER INTO PRESIDENT'S OFFICE AND AT LEVEL WHERE IT WILL BE POSSIBLE FOR FUTURE REVIEW OF CASE TO TAKE PLACE WITHOUT INVOLVING PRESIDENT'S PERSONAL PRESTIGE.

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2. WE INTEND TO FOLLOW-UP ON THIS MATTER. HOWEVER, WE

DEEM IT WISEST TO DO SO ON A WAY WHICH WILL ALLOW THE
BANGALEES INVOLVED TO CLIMB DOWN AS GRACEFULLY AS
POSSIBLE. IF WE TRY FRONTAL APPROACH TO PRESIDENT,
HE WILL EITHER BE REQUIRED TO GLTIFY WHAT HAS ALREADY
TAKEN PLACE, THUS INSURING THAT OULAHAN DEPARTURE IS MADE
PERMANENT, OR TO REVERSE AN ACTION PROMPTED BY HIS
NEPHEW, SOMETHING HE WOULD BE MOST RELUCTANT TO DO SINCE
MONI SEEMS TO BE HIS CHOICE TO HEAD ANTICIPATED BAKSAL
LABOR FRONT. THE FACT THAT OULAHAN WAS URGED TO TAKE
"VACATION" GIVES US SOME ROOM, ALBEIT SMALL, TO TRY TO
MAKE POSSIBLE OULAHAN'S RETURN.
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